CORMIER PAUL J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CORMIER PAUL J Issuer Symbol RED HAT INC [RHAT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O RED HAT, INC, 1801 01/12/2006 below) **VARSITY DRIVE** EVP, Engineering (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired ior(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/12/2006		M	50,000	A	\$ 6	50,000	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	3,500	D	\$ 30.59	46,500	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 30.29	41,500	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 30.4	36,500	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2006		S(1)	6,500	D	\$ 30.39	30,000	D	

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Common Stock	01/12/2006	S(1)	5,000	D	\$ 30.2	25,000	D
Common Stock	01/12/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	7,500	D	\$ 30.34	17,500	D
Common Stock	01/12/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 30.39	12,500	D
Common Stock	01/12/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	8,500	D	\$ 30.35	4,000	D
Common Stock	01/12/2006	S(1)	4,000	D	\$ 30.34	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$6	01/12/2006		M	50,000	<u>(2)</u>	05/23/2011	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Topotonig o mior trainer trainers	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CORMIER PAUL J C/O RED HAT, INC 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606			EVP, Engineering					

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Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA

01/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This stock sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 trading plan effective January 3, 2006.
- (2) This option is exercisable 25% on the first anniversary date and 6.25% on the first day of each subsequent three-month period following one year from the date of grant.

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